GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ARTHRITIC TREATMENT
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of arthritic patients are bed-ridden/disabled due to non-availability of proper treatment in the hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the facilities available in the hospitals;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to import the latest technique for the benefit of the people to get them treated properly; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Directorate General of Health Services have informed that the disability and duration of the treatment for Arthritis depends on the severity of the disease at the time of initial commencement of the treatment. Majority of the Arthritis patients do not require hospitalization. They can be treated conservatively.

Facilities for joint replacement are available in many big hospitals including Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC and Associated Hospitals.

(c)&(d): Updating of the techniques is a continuous process which is made within the available resources. However, the basic treatment for arthritic patients are available in many Hospitals including three Central Government Hospitals mentioned above.